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LIBERAL SCHOOL A CARIBBEAN AIM

Institute in Costa Rica Is
Projected for Training
Anti-Red Leaders

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SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Feb. 17—A school dedicated to teaching liberal anti-Communist ideology to young political and labor leaders in the Caribbean area will be opened here this year, possibly next month.

Former President José Figueres of Costa Rica plans to confer with liberal party leaders of virtually all Latin-American countries regarding the school, which has been in the planning stages for the last six months.

Señor Figueres said in an interview that the proposed school would be the answer to the Marx-Lenin Institute for Latin-American Studies that operates in Moscow.

"This little country of Costa Rica, with only a little over 1,000,000 population, has thirty leaders who were trained in the Marx-Lenin Institute with full scholarships," Señor Figueres remarked. "Our school will be the reply to the Marx-Lenin Institute challenge, but, as is usual with democracies, we are late again."

Outgrowth of Meeting

The school is to be named the Institute of Political Education. It is an outgrowth of the Costa Rican Institute of Political Studies, which for the last three years, has functioned as an indoctrination school for future leaders of the National Liberation party organized by Señor Figueres. Previous plans for a bloc of liberal parties of the Caribbean Nations, have been replaced by the program for the school.

A meeting attended by non-Communist Leftist groups was held last November at La Lucha, the coffee plantation home of Señor Figueres.

Latin-American groups represented at the meeting included the National Liberation party of Costa Rica, the Apristas of Peru, the Revolutionary party of Guatemala, the National Democratic Front and the Authentic party of China, the liberal party of Honduras, the Revolutionary Movement of Nicaragua, and democratic groups from Panama, and Democratic Section of Venezuela, and party of President Romulo Betancourt.

The United States was represented by the International Institute of Labor Research, of which Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, is president. Mr. Thomas, Gov. Luis Muñoz Marín of Puerto Rico, and President Ramon Villeda Morales of Honduras sent greetings.

Priest Tells of Progress

Thé Rev. Benjamin Nuñez, a Roman Catholic priest, and was executive secretary of the meeting in November. He is expected to be an officer of the new school. Father Nuñez said the school would give special attention to courses in economy, history and political methodology.

Señor Figueres is to visit Peru and will attend on Feb. 21 a birthday celebration in Lima given by the Apristas for Victor Raul Haya de la Torre, leader of the party.

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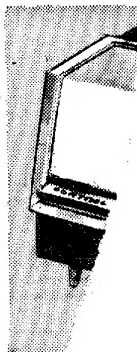
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